

To,  
The Department of Justice,  
United States of America.

Dear Sir or Madam:

**Sub: Opinion on Microsoft settlement**

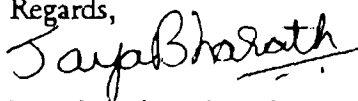
Since it has been proven in US court of justice that Microsoft Corporation has been unlawfully maintaining its monopoly, violating US competition laws. Being a software engineer for about 3 years now I have been in situations when I was a victim of the unlawful monopoly and hence, I would like to make a few suggestions and give possible solutions so that the rights and freedom of people like me is protected in the free market.

Firstly, the judgment has overlooked an important aspect. All OEM's licensing Microsoft software should be made to provide an **option without** the Microsoft product. For e.g., An OEM selling desktop computers preinstalled with Microsoft Windows Operating System should give an option of a desktop without the Microsoft software. The rationale being "Why should a consumer who just wishes to buy a desktop computer be forced to have Microsoft software pre-installed on it." Currently there is not a single portable computer (notebook) in the market which offers a option other than Microsoft Windows.

Though its good to see nearly all clauses of the "*Prohibited Conduct*" talk about the Microsoft licensing policy in the section of the judgment. But, a very important aspect has been missed out: Currently Windows OS overwrites the Master Boot Record so that no other pre-installed operating system would be recognized. Microsoft should be asked to make changes to their OS so that it stops its intrusive behavior and thus making other OS to co-exist on the same machine.

Sincerely hoping that my comments would be helpful to the justice effort.

Regards,



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